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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 11, 2004, please enter the following amendment and consider the remarks below:

present invention is mainly concerned with the scenario in which the consumer is physically present at the merchant's business location (though that does not have to be the case).

The present invention is advantageous in that it can be implemented using existing communications and computing hardware infrastructure and without the necessity to retrain merchants or consumers. This is in contrast with the system of O'Leary, which requires the adoption of significant additional infrastructure and retraining of merchants and consumers.

In summary, it is clear from a real comparison of Applicants' claims with the cited art that the cited art does not come close to suggesting what Applicants claim.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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